



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/721,878	<b>Examiner:</b>	REDDING, D.A.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	November 26, 2003	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1744
<b>First Inventor:</b>	NAKAMOTO, Hiroshi	<b>Customer No.:</b>	23364
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<b>For:</b>	VACUUM CLEANER		

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2007 in the above application, in which claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-14, and 16-18 are allowed.

**REMARKS**

The substance of the telephonic interview conducted on November 8, 2007 is as follows.

The examiner proposed to amend claims 7 and 8 to replace the word "part" with the word --unit--. Authorization to make this change was provided by Patrick Buechner, applicant's representative.

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CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick M. Buechner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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